TBCP UPDATE & TRIBAL DISCUSSION

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION
AGENDA

1. TBCP Application Round 1 Update
2. NTIA Encourages Tribes to Apply for All Broadband Funding
3. IIJA Overview: TBCP Amendments
4. Tribal Leader IIJA Discussion

Moderator/Presenter: Adam Geisler, Division Chief, Tribal Connectivity and Nation to Nation Coordination Division, NTIA
INTRODUCTION
OF GUEST SPEAKERS

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CURRENT TBCP APPLICATION REVIEW UPDATE

• NTIA received 301 applications, totaling 424 proposed projects
• Applications represent 452 Tribal Governments, totaling 75% of Tribal Lands in the lower 48 states, Alaska, and Hawaii
• The total amount of funding requested totaled over $5.88 billion (6x over subscribed)
• Each application and project requires extensive review and curing, as applicable, to be considered for funding
• Applications must pass merit review with a score of at least 70 points to move on to programmatic review and consideration for funding
NTIA ENCOURAGES TRIBES TO APPLY FOR ALL BROADBAND FUNDING

NTIA WILL BE MAKING TBCP AWARDS ON A ROLLING BASIS THROUGH THE SPRING OF 2022
IIJA OVERVIEW: TBCP AMENDMENTS
**TRIBAL (I/II) | TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS AND NEW FUNDING WILL STRENGTHEN CURRENT TRIBAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM**

**OVERVIEW**

**Official name:** Tribal Broadband Connectivity Technical Amendments

**Funding pool:** $2.00B

**Type of program:** Grants to eligible entities with approved applications

**Program objective:** providing new funds and extending expenditure deadlines for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (established by Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Div. N, Tit. IX, Sec. 905(c))

**KEY AMENDMENTS TO PRIOR PROGRAM**

1. Adding $2 billion for NTIA to distribute to eligible entities, including to fund previously-proposed programs
2. Relaxing time requirements of original program—eligible entities now have up to
   - 6 months to submit applications
   - 18 months to commit the funds to projects, once funds are received
   - 4 years to fully expend the grant funds, once funds are received
3. Allowing infrastructure grantees to expend up to 2.5% total project cost for related planning, feasibility and sustainability studies
4. Preserving unused allocated funds for other Tribal broadband projects instead of reverting back to the Treasury

*Note: funding amounts inclusive of all administrative set-asides*
TRIBAL (II/II) | NO NEW RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON ELIGIBLE ENTITIES OR USES

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<td>• A Tribal Government</td>
<td>• As outlined in prior legislation</td>
<td>Eligible entities shall prioritize projects that deploy broadband infrastructure to unserved households</td>
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<td>• A Tribal College or University</td>
<td>• Broadband infrastructure deployment, including support for the establishment of carrier-neutral submarine cable landing stations</td>
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<td>• The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on behalf of the Native Hawaiian Community, including Native Hawaiian Education Programs</td>
<td>• Affordable broadband programs including</td>
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<td>• A Tribal organization</td>
<td>• Providing free or reduced cost broadband service</td>
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<td>• A Native Corporation</td>
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Eligible entities can use no more than 2% of funds for administrative purposes.
TRIBAL LEADER DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS FOR TRIBAL LEADER IIJA CONSULTATION

• Should NTIA make available any of the additional TBCP funding appropriated by the IIJA for the applications submitted in response to the June 2021 TBCP NOFO?

• If so, what percentage of the additional funding should NTIA make available for this purpose?

• If NTIA were to issue a second TBCP NOFO for the remaining funds appropriated by the IIJA, when would be the most accommodating time for Tribes to be able to submit applications?
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Thank you for your participation!